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Mr. Robert R. Robichaud
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region X1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Mr. Robichaud:

Re: Certification of Modifications to Permit No. WA-002591-7

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has reviewed the draft revision of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. WA-002591-7 for the Treated Effluent Disposal Facility, operated by Fluor Daniel Hanford Company for the U.S. Department of Energy. Ecology believes that the draft permit provides reasonable assurance that surface water quality standards, as contained in Chapter 173-201A of the Washington Administrative Code and Federal Register 57, No. 246, 60848-60910 will be met, except as noted below.

Ecology has determined that analyses for gross alpha and gross beta are needed in the permit as part of the regularly scheduled compliance monitoring schedule. The constituents should be listed as "monitoring only" and be reported on the monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports. Examples of radionuclide monitoring and analytical requirements in Hanford Site state waste discharge permits are enclosed for your information.

This letter constitutes state approval under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Skurla at (509) 736-3011 or Dave Dougherty at (509) 736-3047.

Sincerely,

Laura F. Gussard for Michael A. Wilson

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